

# TOWN OF LOS GATOS BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT

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ITEM NO: 3

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2017

TO: BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION

FROM: BOB KASS, SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER

SUBJECT: BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN – REVIEW AND PRIORITIZATION

OF GOALS, POLICIES AND ACTIONS

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) review Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) Chapter 3—Goals, Polices and Actions (Attachment A) and provide direction to staff on the highest priority policies and programs as listed in Table 7—Town Wide Programs (Attachment B).

#### **BACKGROUND**:

On December 15, 2016, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) held a Special Meeting to review proposed improvement projects identified as part of the BPMP in the following categories:

- Bicycle Projects
- Pedestrian Projects
- Town-Wide Improvements
- Safe Routes to Schools Projects

As a result of this project prioritization process, the Commission selected their top four projects in each category as well as identifying other priority projects contained in the comprehensive BPMP project lists (see Attachment C for the results of this effort). The Commission also offered the following four "Organizing Principles" that could be considered as foundational elements for the selection of project and program priorities:

- Supporting the Reduction/Elimination of Fatalities
- Encouraging Students to Walk and Bike
- Increasing Connectivity of the Bike/Ped Network
- Supporting Shovel-Ready Projects

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Staff is requesting that the Commission undertake a similar priority setting process for the policy and program action items shown in Attachment B (Table 7—Town-Wide Programs), which are described in more detail in Chapter 3 of the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (Attachment A) which has been attached for the Commission's reference.

Commission members are strongly encouraged to review Chapter 3 (Attachment A) and Table 7 (Attachment B) prior to the meeting on January 17 and make a preliminary selection of their top four highest priority items contained in the table.

At the January 17 meeting, staff will record the individual Commissioner selections as the initial step in a facilitated discussion to develop a Commission recommendation for the highest priority policy and program action items, mirroring the process that was used to select the Commission's highest priority projects on December 15, 2016.

# **DISCUSSION**:

Table 7 brings forward most, but not all, Actions set forth in Chapter 3, and assesses each against the four organizing principles offered by the BPAC. In some instances, "higher-level" Policies are included in Table 7 in lieu of individual Actions. This occurs where the Actions are not clearly discreet, or where concurrent implementation of the Actions would enhance the overall implementation of the recommend policy. Policies and Actions described in Chapter 3 that are not included in Table 7 at all are generally those that are more project-based and have been included in the recommended project tables previously reviewed by the BPAC.

While the primary goal of the January 17 meeting is to develop a priority list of Actions from the BPMP's list of programs and policies (Table 7), staff and the consultants are also requesting any additional feedback from the Commission on program and policy specifics, as well as the need to clarify any of the descriptions of Policies and Actions that will be included in the final draft plan document.

## **Attachments:**

- A. Chapter 3 Goals, Policies and Actions
- B. Table 7 Town-Wide Programs
- C. Prioritized Project Lists (Tables 8, 9, 10 and I)